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PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HYDROXYLATED FATTY

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2003, Applicants hereby elect **Group III, Claims 12 -45 and 54 - 81**, drawn to a second process for producing a δ -lactone from an (n-6)-ene fatty acid using a microbe.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (506.41066X00).

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